

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A tool for making in workpieces cuts having predetermined widths and bounded by walls, in combination with a manually operable apparatus having a power driven output shaft arranged to oscillate about a predetermined axis, said tool comprising:

an elongated member having a rearward first section, with a hole extending through said first section and having a closed rear wall formed by material from which said first section is made, said hole being configured to be mounted on said output shaft so that the member extends in a direction at least substantially normal to said predetermined axis; and

a forward second section remote from said first section and including at least one at least substantially straight elongated cutting edge at least substantially normal to said direction and arranged to make in a workpiece a cut having a width which is a function of the extent of oscillatory movement of said output shaft, of the distance from said axis to said cutting edge and of the length of said cutting edge;

wherein said elongated member comprises a step of finite length intermediate said first and second sections thereof.

2. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said cutting edge is provided with material removing elements selected from the group consisting of cutting and grinding elements.
3. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said material removing elements comprise teeth.
4. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said material removing elements comprise industrial diamonds.
5. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said material removing elements comprise corundum.
6. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said at least one at least substantially straight cutting edge comprises two adjoining sections disposed at an acute angle to each other.
7. (original) The tool of claim 6, wherein said acute angle is between about 1.5° and about 4.6°.

8. (original) The tool of claim 7, wherein said acute angle is between about 1.5° and about 2°.

9. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein at least a major part of said elongated member is flat.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The tool of claim 9, wherein ~~said elongated member is provided with a step of finite length intermediate said first and second sections thereof, said step having~~ has a predetermined height ~~and further comprising being larger than~~ a fastener attached to said output shaft above said hole for fastening said elongated member to said output shaft arranged to attach said first section to said shaft and extending beyond said elongated member through a distance at least approximating said height.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said elongated member is configured with at least one elongated path that facilitates rearward movement, along said path, of material being cut from the workpiece by said cutting edge, as well as removal of the material being cut, and wherein said at least one path is provided by at least one slot that extends between said first and second sections.

14. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said at least one cutting edge has first and second ends and recessed portions are provided at said ends of said at least one cutting edge intermediate said first and second sections.

15. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said elongated member has an at least substantially constant width at least between said first and second sections thereof.

16. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said member has a substantially trapeziform outline.

17. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said elongated member further comprises a third section disposed between said first and second sections and having a first width, at least one of said first and second sections having a second width different from said first width.

18. (previously presented) A tool kit for removal of material from workpieces, in combination with a manually operable apparatus having a power-driven output shaft arranged to oscillate about a predetermined axis, said tool kit comprising a plurality of discrete tools each including an elongated member having a rearward first section, with a hole extending through said first section and having a closed rear wall formed by material from which said first section is made, said hole being configured to be non-rotatably and separably mounted on said output shaft in a position in which said member extends in a direction at least substantially normal to said predetermined axis, and a forward second section comprising at least one at least substantially straight cutting edge at least substantially normal to said direction upon mounting of the respective first section on said output shaft.

19. (original) The tool kit of claim 18, wherein said tools have different parameters including at least one of the widths, the distances between the first sections and the cutting edges, and the lengths of the cutting edges thereof.

20. (previously presented) The tool kit of claim 18, wherein said elongated member of at least one of said discrete tools is configured with at least one elongated path that facilitates rearward movement, along said path, of material being cut from the workpiece by said cutting edge, as well as removal of the

material being cut, and wherein said path on said at least one of said tools is provided by at least one elongate slot that extends between said first and second sections.

21. (previously presented) A tool for removal of material from workpieces, in combination with a manually operable apparatus having a power driven output shaft arranged to oscillate about a predetermined axis, comprising:

an elongated member having a rearward first section, with a hole extending through said first section and having a closed rear wall formed by material from which said first section is made, said hole being configured to be mounted on said output shaft so that the member extends in a direction at least substantially normal to said predetermined axis; and

a forward second section remote from said first section and including at least one at least substantially straight cutting edge at least substantially normal to said direction.

22. (previously presented) The tool of claim 21, wherein said second section of said elongated member is provided with at least one elongated slot configured to facilitate rearward movement within said elongated slot of material being cut from the workpiece by said cutting edge, as well as removal of the material being cut.

23. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said hole has a shape being different from a circle.

24. (previously presented) The tool of claim 23, wherein said hole has a shape defined by a polygon.

25. (new) A manually operable material removing apparatus comprising a power-driven output shaft arranged to oscillate about a predetermined axis, comprising a tool for making in workpieces cuts having predetermined widths and bounded by walls, said tool comprising:

an elongated member having a rearward first section, with a hole extending through said first section and having a closed rear wall formed by material from which said first section is made, said hole being configured to be mounted on said output shaft so that the member extends in a direction at least substantially normal to said predetermined axis; and

a forward section remote from said first section and including at least one at least substantially straight elongated cutting edge at least substantially normal to said direction and arranged to make in a workpiece a cut having a width which is a function of the extent of oscillatory movement of said output shaft, of the distance from said axis to said cutting edge and of the length of said cutting edge;

wherein said elongated member comprises a step of finite length
intermediate said first and second sections thereof.